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SUBJ: BIG CHARACTER POSTER REFERENCE TO CHIANG CH'ING

1. UK EMBOFF JOHN BOYD RECENTLY ACCOMPANIED A ROYAL SOCIETY DELEGATION OF SCIENTISTS TO ONE OF THE INSTITUTES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF PEKING. INSIDE THE INSTITUTE HE OBSERVED ONE BIG CHARACTER POSTER WHICH READ "EXPRESS THANKS TO COMRADE CHIANG CH'ING FOR GIVING US THE WEAPONS." BOYD SAID THERE WERE NO OTHER POSTERS TO PUT THE REFERENCE TO WEAPONS IN CONTEXT, BUT PRESUMABLY IT ALLUDED TO WEAPONS IN THE PRESENT IDEOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN. BOYD SAID HE FELT CHINESE HAD BEEN GENEROUS IN PERMITTING HIM TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION TO THE INSTITUTE AND ASKED THAT HIS OBSERVATION BE CLOSELY HELD SINCE IT COULD EASILY BE SOURCED TO HIM.

2. COMMENT: WE REPORT THIS REFERENCE TO CHINANG CH'ING SINCE IT IS ONE MORE INDICATION THAT SHE APPEARS TO BY PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN CAMPAIGN. JENKINS

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